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SUBJ: CIVIL AIR: AIRCRAFT ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

REF: A. STATE 129041, B. MANILA 9268, C. 255472

1. CHIEF PILOT PAUL STEVENS DISCUSSED CLEARANCE PROBLEMS OF W. R. GRACE AIRCRAFT WITH EMBASSY OFFICER ON OCTOBER 28 AS PLANNED. EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS AND SYMPATHIZES WITH FRUSTRATIONS RESULTING FROM SLOW RESPONSE TO CLEARANCE REQUESTS FOR ENTRY OF PRIVATE AIRCRAFT INTO THE PHILIPPINES. SITUATION REMAINS, HOWEVER, ESSENTIALLY THE SAME AS DESCRIBED REF. B. IN ADDITION, ESCAPE OF PROMINENT PRISONERS LOPEZ AND OSMENA IN EARLY OCTOBER VIA U.S. REGISTERED SMALL AIRCRAFT HAS NOT RPT NOT INSPIRED GOP OFFICIALS TO RELAX SECURITY CONSIDERATIONS IN THEIR APPROACH TO AIRCRAFT CLEARANCES.

2. IN CASE OF W. R. GRACE AIRCRAFT TIME REQUIRED TO OBTAIN CLEARANCE COULD CERTAINLY HAVE BEEN REDUCED BUT EMBASSY DID NOT TREAT CLEARANCE AS URGENT SINCE REQUEST WAS RECEIVED SO FAR IN ADVANCE. GOP ALSO ASKED FOR INFO ON REASON FOR TRIP. AS SOON AS GRACE TELEXED REQUESTED INFO, GOP GRANT CLEARANCE AND EMBASSY SENT WORD OF APPROVAL. EMBASSY OFFICER ADVISED PILOT STEVENS THAT IF CLEARANCE WAS REQUIRED PRIOR TO A CERTAIN DATE, THAT INFORMATION SHOULD BE INCLUDED IN CLEARANCE REQUEST.
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3. EMBASSY RECOGNIZES THAT PROMPT CLEARANCE OF AIRCRAFT OF U.S. BUSINESS OFFICIALS IS IN BEST INTEREST OF GOP. WE HAVE SPECIFICALLY MENTIONED THE W. R. GRACE CASE TO SECRETARY OF INDUSTRY PATERNO. HOWEVER, AS LONG AS SECURITY CONSIDERATIONS DOMINATE, WE DO NOT REPEAT NOT EXPECT MUCH RELAXATION OF CLEARANCE REQUIREMENTS.

4. PLEASE NOTE (REF. C, PARA 1) GOP HAS NOT REPEAT NOT PROMISED TO PROVIDE CLEARANCE WITHIN SEVEN DAYS OF REQUEST. FAA INTERNATIONAL FLIGHT INFORMATION MANUAL (IFIM) SPECIFIES THAT GOP REQUIRES THAT CLEARANCE BE SUBMITTED AT LEAST SEVEN DAYS PRIOR TO ARRIVAL OF AIRCRAFT.

5. EMBASSY SUGGESTED TO PILOT STEVENS THAT HE MIGHT WISH TO SUBMIT A LETTER TO EMBASSY IN HIS ROLE AS CHAIRMAN OF INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE OF NATIONAL AIRCRAFT BUSINESS ASSOCIATION, EXPRESSING HIS ORGANIZATION'S CONCERN ABOUT DELAYS IN CLEARANCE PROCEDURE. EMBASSY WOULD USE THIS LETTER TO APPROACH GOP. REGARDING SUCH A FOLLOW UP, EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE REPLY TO PARA 4 OF REF. B (DATED JUNE 16, 1977) REQUESTING BACKGROUND INFORMATION FOR USE IN REPRESENTATION WITH GOP ON THIS SUBJECT.
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